

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	DATE	<u>August 14, 2019</u>
MOTOR CARRIER MATTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	DOCKET NO.	<u>2014-363-C</u>
UTILITIES MATTER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ORDER NO.	<u>2019-572</u>

THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.

SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2014-363-C - Application of Talk America Services, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate as a Competitive Local Exchange and Long Distance Carrier in Those Areas of the State of South Carolina Where the Windstream (WIN) Companies are Currently Authorized and for Approval of the Transfer of Residential Local and Long Distance Customers of the WIN Companies to Talk America Services, LLC - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration Talk America Services, LLC's Request for Authorization to Discontinue Services and Suspend Certificate.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Talk America Services, LLC originally filed a request to cancel its certificate granted by Order No. 2014-1039. In its request, the company informed the Commission that, due to the impending termination of services available from its underlying wholesale provider, it intends to discontinue the provision of intrastate and interstate telephone services to all customers within the South Carolina. The company further stated that it has provided notice to all its customers regarding cancellation of service. According to the Company, a filing has also been made with the FCC for concomitant federal approval to discontinue service.

Subsequently, Talk America Services has amended its original filing and now seeks to retain its local and long-distance operating authority in hope of future opportunities to provide services in South Carolina, while still discontinuing service to its existing customers.

Subject to the FCC's consent to discontinue service, I move that we suspend Talk America Services' certificate until August 1, 2020. I further move that, by operation of this ruling, this docket will be administratively closed without further action of the Commission, if a request to end the suspension is not received prior to that time. If the Company is unable to restart operations by that date, but later wants to do so, it must file a new application. The Company is also required to continue to file all required reports.

PRESIDING: Randall

SESSION: Regular

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER	
BELSER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
ERVIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
HAMILTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Absent</u>	sick leave
HOWARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

RANDALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WHITFIELD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WILLIAMS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding

